

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

Current Situation Report for October 17, 2018

Delaware Agricultural Statistics 490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area)		
Agricultural Preservation Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	1,185	1,429
Pending	14	14
Farm Terminations	95	18,764
Totals	1,199	1,348

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	559	660
Pending	4	4
Farm Terminations	33	5,793
Totals	563	89,918

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	111	126
Pending	2	2
Farm Terminations	7	2,896
Totals	113	16,419

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	515	643
Pending	8	8
Farm Terminations	55	10,075
Totals	523	65,447

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Settlements Final	852	120,583	\$213,643,453
Pending Round 21	5	675	\$976,935
Pending Round 22	41	3,526	\$4,882,024
Totals	898	124,784	\$219,502,412

Averages of Easements			
No. Easements	All 898	Last 5yrs- 146	Last 3yrs- 90
*Discount	*58%	*69.5%	*73.5%
Farm Size	139 acres	98 acres	97 acres
Payment Landowner	\$244,523	\$148,692	\$130,989
Cost Per Acre	\$1,760	\$1,521	\$1,348

Agricultural Easements by County				Easement Land Use		
County	Farms	Acres	Cost	Type	Acres	%
Kent	459	66,273	\$96,772,030	Cropland	78,440	63
NewCastle	95	13,890	\$34,946,445	Forestland	34,285	27
Sussex	344	44,621	\$87,783,937	Wetland/Other	12,059	10
Total	898	124,784	\$219,502,412	Total	124,784	100

*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

Source of Funds 898 Easements

* State Funds- \$152,068,313
 * USDA Funds- \$ 51,865,196
 * County Funds- \$ 12,557,517
 * ISTEA Funds- \$ 1,250,000
 * Other Funds- \$ 1,761,386
***Est. Total Funds \$ 219,502,412**
***Landowner Disco \$ 303,647,475**
***Est. Total Value \$ 523,149,887**
 *Est. Closing Costs \$4,950,000

Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 23 Appraisal			Total Number of Properties To be Appraised in Round 23		District Applications Received in 2018	
County	Farms	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Kent	127	13,822	67	5,887	8	586
New Castle	16	2,944	7	755	3	173
Sussex	173	19,406	91	10,193	18	1,417
Totals	316	36,172	165	16,835	29	2,176

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Forestland Current Situation Report
As of October 17, 2018

Forestland Preservation Areas		
	Forestland Areas Acres	Acres
Approved	39	3,160
Pending	2	246
Total	41	3,406
Not in Easement	15	1,113

New Castle County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	1	43
Pending	0	0
Total	1	43

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	16	961
Pending	1	94
Total	17	1,055

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	22	2,156
Pending	1	152
Total	23	2,308

Forestland Preservation Areas			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	5	427	\$617,277
Sussex	4	445	\$833,527
Donated	2	56	
Settlements Final	11	928	\$1,450,804
Farmland Easement	15	1,365	

Source of Funds 9 Easements

State -	\$ 1,038,401
Nature Conservancy-	\$ 412,403
Total of Costs	\$ 1,450,804
Landowner Discount-	\$ 2,808,680
Grand Total Value	\$ 4,259,484
Settlement Costs	\$ 49,717

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements

Programs	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Forestland Preservation Area Easements	11	928	\$1,450,804
Farmland Preservation Easements	898	124,784	\$219,502,412
Total of Forestland & Farmland Easements	909	125,712	\$220,953,216
Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount			\$306,456,155
Grand Total Value			\$527,409,371

Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program

Settled Loans	Total Acres w/o Residential			Appraised Easement Value	Announced Farmer Loan Amount	Actual Farmer Loan
33	2,517	Acres 1945 560 12	Type Cropland Forest Other	\$11,362,094	\$7,953,466	\$7,394,623
# Prequalification Applications Received	# Approved	# Waiting for Review		# Denied or No Longer Qualify	Settlement Costs Total Cost	\$183,468 \$7,578,091
109	93	0		16	Young Farmer Loan Applications: Round 7 – 1 loan approved totaling 120 acres	